

Egremont Board of Health

May 21, 2020, 10:00 am

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. The minutes from the May 7, 2020 meeting were accepted with corrections. (3-0)
- 2) **Walley/5 Prospect Lake Road** The owner is awaiting financing for the costs associated with the septic upgrade. The board again stated their desire to have the new septic system installed no later than Fall 2020.
- 3) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Chairman Ogden drove to the site and expressed his opinion to the board that the structure should be removed. Director Haas will hope to have an update by the next meeting.
- 4) **Housing Complaint/58 Main Street** Director Haas received multiple emails from tenant at property stating there was no hot water. The owner was contacted and stated the work would be completed within a few days. Work was performed and complaint case closed.
- 5) **Woscyna/70 Main Street** Homeowner contacted BOH by letter complaining of water run off from abutting property on Baldwin Hill South during times of heavy, intense rain. Director Haas performed site inspection. Mr. Woscyna's property is at the bottom of a steep hill in an area known for dense soils and high ledge which have little drainage. He was notified that drainage swales already exist up the hill which carry a great deal of water into storm drains. He was advised to have an excavator come and install swales on his property to avoid standing water.
- 6) **Field Work**
 - Septic installation/70 Main Street
 - Septic installation/125 Jug End Road (float alarm test)
- 7) **COVID-19**
 - Town Meeting:** the Board agreed that with proper planning an outdoor Town Meeting would be safest option.
 - Campground:** current state policies allow the Prospect Lake Campground to reopen as long as tenants reside in their own "contained units". Public bathrooms, showers, community rooms are not allowed to open at this time.
 - French Park:** the Select Board is devising a reopening plan.
 - Town Hall:** the Select Board is devising a reopening plan.
 - Restaurants:** two of Egremont's food establishments (Mom's and The Old Mill) have reached out to the BOH inquiring about outdoor dining. Director Haas will discuss this with the Select Board and Ned Baldwin, chief zoning officer. All restaurants have been contacted by the BOH, sent reopening guidance, and asked for the their reopening plans to be reviewed by the BOH before reopening.
 - Masks:** masks or other face coverings will be required at the Transfer Station. The BOH feels strongly that the wearing of masks is a critical aspect to stop the further spread of the virus.
 - Conference Calls and Zoom meetings:** DPH continues to have twice a week conference calls. These are particularly helpful for the reopening phases. BCBOHA holds a Zoom meeting every Friday at 11:30 am.
- 8) The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Juliette Haas
Approved
6/4/2020